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St Mary's Chapel, Lifford Road

In-person church services at St Thomas' are suspended due to the province-wide Covid-19 'stay at home' order.

Services will continue to be recorded and distributed via Youtube every Sunday afternoon.

**Service this Sunday, June 6th -
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 10B -
Morning Prayer**

A note from the Priest-in-Charge: “Many of us have been deeply distressed by the news of the discovery of the remains of 215 children near the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia. At times like this, we ask ourselves ‘What can we do?’ The following link, sent to me by a clergy colleague in British Columbia, has some practical suggestions”:

https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/10-things-you-can-do-kamloops-indian-residential-school?utm_medium=email&hsmi=130956192&hsenc=p2ANqtz--XH0y0AmsYiQiX0-uTlvhKW3Uim5-1hpevHcK3jFCBOpm1lxRWy1PVcDVz1yWp8hO9_deKfBUSd0R8PkRk2pfCoubzgw&utm_content=130955642&utm_source=hs_email

The Social Justice & Advocacy Committee of the Diocese of Toronto

coordinates and advances the public witness of our diocese on issues of social and ecological justice. The committee seeks to help parishes and all people of good will in our diocese to be faithful to God’s call to compassion and justice.

Here are some highlights from the most recent Social Justice & Advocacy monthly eNews:

- **June is Indigenous History Month!** Our diocesan Right Relations Coordinator, the Rev. Leigh Kern, is preparing a guide to events and learning opportunities this month, which will be up on the Diocesan [website](#) next week. Leigh is also compiling liturgical resources for celebrating ***National Indigenous Day of Prayer on Sunday, June 20.***
- **“Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts”:** In recognition of Indigenous History month, St. John's, Port Hope, and St. Paul's, Perrytown, are hosting a 3-part Zoom discussion of the documentary “Doctrine of Discovery, Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts.”

This Zoom discussion will take place over three Tuesday evenings, **June 8, 15, and 22 from 7-8.30 pm**. Participants are encouraged to [watch the film](#) in its entirety before the first session. To register, contact Patricia Sinnott at sinnottganaraska@gmail.com or 905-885-0805.

- **Basic Income Resources:** The pandemic has created resurgent interest in a Guaranteed Basic Income in Canada. Three federal political parties (Liberal, New Democratic Party, and Green) now include a basic income in their platform. You can learn more and write your own MP in support with the Basic Income Toolkit available on here on the diocesan [website](#).
- **For the Love of Creation Faith-in-Action campaign:** *For the Love of Creation*, a coalition of faith groups from across Canada including KAIROS, Citizens for Public Justice, and the Anglican Church of Canada, has created a series of template letters you can use to call on the federal government to: increase our greenhouse gas emissions reduction target and invest in a just transition to a fair, inclusive, green economy; implement the UN Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, and support climate change adaptation and mitigation measures in the Global South. You can make your own climate action pledge and sign the template letters [here](#).

***Bulletin Board* is the bi-weekly e-bulletin of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.**

The most recent edition includes information on resources for Refugee Sunday (May 30th), on the Episcopal Leadership Working Group Report (which proposes significant changes to the number of suffragan bishops in the diocese and their responsibilities), and links to events and other happenings throughout the diocese and beyond. *Bulletin Board* can be found at this link: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/bulletin-board/bulletin-board-may-18/>

News from St Thomas' Journeys Outreach Group -

“The past year has certainly been a challenge for all. No visits, no meetings, no dinners, and virtual church have become the new norm but, hopefully, only for a while longer. In the spirit of moving forward and getting back into doing Community Outreach, Journeys is taking on two projects:

- **Backpacks for Women Being Released from Custody from the Lindsay Correctional Centre**
You will recall that we have supported this program for a couple of years. The new backpacks are given to women who are being released from custody and are likely not going 'home'; rather, they will likely be homeless. Toiletries, socks, snacks, and more are put into the bags--including something inspirational to read: a small Bible or book of prayers. We leave ample space for the women to add their own few possessions.
- **Zippaport** - This grassroots not-for-profit initiative was launched in 2020 with one clear mission: **to help make the process of receiving cancer treatments easier on children through customized clothing that is functional, comfortable and fun.**

There is still time to make a financial donation to Journeys to support one or both of these projects. **Please make cheques payable to “Journeys” and mail to St Thomas’ Anglican Church, P. O. Box 187, Millbrook, ON, L0A 1G0.** *If you feel you would like to support only one of the projects, please write “Backpacks” or “Zippaport” in the memo line of the cheque.* Journeys is an outreach ministry of St Thomas’ Anglican Church so a charitable receipt will be issued by the church for your donation. Thank you!”

Journeys Outreach group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm via Zoom. If you wish to join this meeting, please email the Priest-in-Charge and you will be sent the Zoom meeting link. All are welcome!

The parish secretary continues to work from home and is available during office hours at the office telephone number (705-932-2233) or via the parish email cavmanparish@nexicom.net. Office hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9.15 am - 11.15 am. Note: the office will be closed the week of June 7th.

For any urgent matter, please call the Priest-in-Charge at home at 705-932-1231. If (and only if) his home voicemail is turned off, please call his cell number (705-313-9002) and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

The Churchwardens continue to be extremely thankful at the generosity and faithfulness of parishioners and friends of our parish who are making a concerted effort to keep up their regular offerings during this on-going pandemic. Thanks to you, we are holding our own financially during this difficult time.

Weekly or monthly offerings (for those who are not already on PAR) can be made in the following ways:

- ***By regular mail*** - to St Thomas’ Anglican Church, P. O. Box 187, Millbrook, Ontario, L0A 1G0. ***(Please be sure to use the post office box number (not the street address) when sending items by mail).*** Cheques only please--made out to St Thomas’ Church. *Post-dated cheques, for future contribution periods, would be welcome and very much appreciated.*
- ***By e-transfer from your bank account.*** Please call Gail at the parish office at (leave message) or email her at cavmanparish@nexicom.net to arrange.
- ***By pre-arranged ‘drop off’ at the home of the Priest-in-Charge or at the parish hall mail box.*** Please call 705-932-1231 to arrange a mutually convenient time. **Note: if you wish to leave your envelope in the box at the back door of the parish hall, please phone the Priest-in-Charge to let him know so that he can collect the envelope in a timely manner. Please never leave cash in the mailbox!**
- ***By pre-arranged ‘pick-up’ from your home*** - please call 705-932-1231 to arrange a mutually convenient time. All public health protocols (‘physical distancing,’ etc) will be strictly followed.
- ***By Pre-Authorized Remittance:*** If you wish to enroll in PAR, please call the parish office during office hours. An authorization form will be mailed (or emailed) to you.
- ***By using the secure online donations link on our parish website.*** Here is the link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119202950RR0001-st-thomas-church/>